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For

ZOOM LENS AND IMAGE TAKING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## **BOX RCE**

Commissioner Of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please replace claim 25 with the following:

전, 이 크린-25. (Amended) An image taking apparatus comprising:

a photoelectric conversion element; and

an image taking lens for forming an image of an object on a photosensitive surface of the photoelectric conversion element, said image taking lens comprising said zoom lens defined in claim 9.--